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EXCITING NEWS.

The despatches of yesterday p. m. and last night are of the most exciting nature, and will deeply stir the popular mind throughout the whole North. An advance of the army has been made and the Government will undoubtedly prosecute the campaign in a vigorous and thorough manner. The death of Col. Ellsworth who had become a great favorite with the people will be fearfully avenged.

We may expect to hear of some decisive movements in a day or two.

Last Night's Despatches.

Great Excitement on the Death of Col. Ellsworth.

Government Troops in Virginia!

ALEXANDRIA TAKEN!

Stars and Stripes wave from Arlington Heights!

A Secession Cavalry Company Captured! Meeting of the Governors of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.—England's policy announced.—France to send a Fleet.

Washington, May 24.—There was intense excitement created here by the assassination of Col. Ellsworth. Bells are tolling, craps on buildings, and flags at half mast.

Col. Ellsworth was shot in the back by one Jackson, proprietor of a hotel in Alexandria. Jackson was instantly killed by Francis D. Brownell of Troy, a member of Ellsworth's Zouaves. The body is lying in state at the Navy Yard.

President Lincoln who was a warm personal friend of Ellsworth's is deeply affected by his death.

The Government is in possession of startling information from Baltimore, and that certain prominent pretended Union men, who in presence of United States troops have loudly professed devotion to the Union, are secretly working for secession. Their names, and accurate information about them, and their places, are in the hands of the Administration.

About 12,000 troops crossed the Potomac, and are now in Virginia. The New York 7th Regiment are holding Arlington Heights; and the 69th are throwing up breast-works there. Sherman's Light Artillery and this district militia command the Maryland shore above Georgetown, and will repel any attack by force moving from Harper's Ferry.

A body of Virginia cavalry and 40 horses were captured without bloodshed.

It was reported that the steamer Mt. Vernon narrowly escaped sinking before reaching Alexandria. Injuries had been inflicted on her at the Navy Yard—probably by secessionists. It is believed that simultaneous movements were made last night by Government forces on Harper's Ferry and Norfolk.

Our Government has secured for the next three months a monopoly of all arms and cannon from all manufacturers in Great Britain, which are permitted to make arms for foreign States. This will show to England that in putting down this rebellion there will be no half-way work.

An advance of the rebels from Culpepper Court House, 62 miles from Alexandria, is anticipated, but assurance is felt that Gen. Scott desired this advance with a full understanding of all he has to encounter.

Postmaster General Blair prepared an order to-day discontinuing the transmission of United States mails through Virginia and other seceding states, and annulling all contracts for the same. Tennessee is excepted from operation of the order, for the reason that that State has not formally seceded. Contractors will be immediately notified of this decision.

The mails for the South from Washington

were stopped at the crossing place of Federal troops and returned to the Post Office here.

At 4 o'clock this morning, the Captain of the Pawnee demanded the surrender of Alexandria. A Mayor in command of the Virginia troops refused, the Captain then said the consequences would be terrible to the village and all the inhabitants, and prolonged the time to 8 o'clock.

The Tribune's despatch says that a company of horse numbering 35 men was captured at Alexandria, Sherman's battery coming on them suddenly they had no alternative. The Michiganders proceeded to tear up the rails leading out of the city.

Gen. Scott and Secretary Seward were at Long Bridge when the troops went over. The secession of Virginia was ratified.

It is reported that the next movement will be on Harper's Ferry.

Baltimore, May 24.—The news from Washington has produced a profound sensation here, nothing is known relative to Sewall's Point.

New York, May 24.—The Tribune's despatch furnishes the following particulars: Col. Ellsworth was shot as he was descending the stairs with the secession flag which he had torn down—by the man Jackson, keeper of the Marshall House, with a double-barreled gun. He died almost instantly, dyeing the secession flag with his blood. He only said "My God."

A late despatch says Alexandria is taken and will be held. First Michigan Regiment entered town about 6 o'clock, an hour after the appearance of the Zouaves, and captured a body of cavalry who at first demanded time to consider, but were forced to yield without delay.

Mechanicsville, N. Y., May 24.—The assassination of Col. Ellsworth has caused in his native town the utmost sorrow and indignation. The father of Col. Ellsworth happened to be in the telegraph office when the intelligence was received. All the flags in town are at half-mast. The sympathy expressed for his parents is universal. The Colonel was their only living son.

New Orleans, May 24.—The news from Washington of the occupation of Alexandria has considerably increased the military enthusiasm. The Delta's Montgomery despatch says a letter has been received from Yancey, who does not doubt the success of his mission. The new tariff takes effect August 31st.

The 13th proximo is appointed as a day of fasting and prayer.

Frankfort, Ky., May 24.—The Senate passed resolutions that Kentucky won't sever her connection with the National Government, nor take up arms for either belligerent party, but arm herself for the preservation of peace within her borders and tendering her services as a mediator to effect a just and honorable peace. The House amended and passed the bill empowering the committee of investigation of yesterday's charges to sit 30 days. The Legislature adjourned *sine die*.

Pittsburgh, May 24.—Col. Ellsworth's death was received here with profound sorrow. All flags in the city are at half mast.

Washington, May 24.—Judge Arney, bearer of despatches, had an interview with the President and Secretary of War to-day, and tendered to them 3 Regiments from Kansas to co-operate with the Iowa regiments in camp at Keokuck, and says the regiments in camp at Quincy should protect the Union men of north-western Missouri, and to secure a safe transit of stores and provisions over the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad to the west.

Orders have been issued by the War Department to Capt. Reno of Fort Leavenworth to supply the Kansas regiments with arms and military equipments, and also Horse equipments for a regiment of Cavalry. The arrangement will furnish at once over 10,000 men who will remain in camp in their respective States, ready to take possession of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad between these two points as soon as any further demonstrations are made by Jeff. Thompson of St. Joseph and his secession followers, to interrupt transportation through Missouri.

The State military are being organized into 11 regiments, and the State authorities have determined to equip as well as possible for home defense, having decided to discountenance any invasion of the State of Missouri unless it shall secede or invade Kansas.

New York, May 24.—All is quiet at Alexandria.

The New Jersey troops stationed three miles from Alexandria were fired into by ambushed secessionists—the latter were routed and two rebel captains captured.

(Times Special Despatch.)

3,000 troops are now on Arlington

Heights with a battery there, and another at each end of the long and chain bridges, and one at Alexandria.

It is said that General Sandford will command the advancing troops in Virginia. There are altogether 13,000 men in the advancing army.

Several boxes containing bowie knives and powder flasks for St. Louis have been seized in a house in Fulton street.

Steamer *Etna* has arrived. News four days later. The British Government has issued a proclamation warning British subjects against engaging in the war in America, and declares the intention of the Government to remain neutral; warns British subjects if they enter military service of either side; join ships of war or transports; or attempt to get recruits; or fit out vessels or transports; or break or endeavor to break any blockade, lawfully or actually established; or carry soldiers, despatches, materials contraband of war for either party, they will be liable to all the penalty and consequences, and they will do so at their peril; and they will in no wise obtain protection of the Government.

France is about to send a fleet to America to protect French interests.

(Post's Special Despatch.)

The 69th Regiment captured 300 rebels on Orange Road near Alexandria.

Indianapolis, May 24.—Gov. Yates, of Ill., and Senator Trumbull, of the same State, arrived here this forenoon. The three Governors, viz:—Dennison, of Ohio, Yates, of Ill., and Morton, of Ind., had a long conference to-day, the result of which has not been made public. Gen. McClelland and the three Governors reviewed five regiments of U. S. troops, two regiments of State troops this afternoon. Gen. McClelland expressed great surprise at the proficiency of the troops, and was highly gratified with their advancement. Gov. Morton has appointed Hon. Will Comeback Lieut. Col. of the 13th regiment.

The most extraordinary instance of patience on record in modern times, is that of an Illinois judge, who listened silently for two days while a couple of wordy attorneys contended about the construction of an act of the Legislature, and then ended the controversy by quietly remarking: "Gentlemen the law is repealed."

We think if Gov. Jackson, of Missouri, intends establishing another camp for State troops at St. Louis, he should by all means change the general officer. It appears to be entirely too warm there for Frost!—Vicksburg Whig.

The long delayed movement of the 1st and 2d Ohio regiments, according to the telegraph, has at last been made and they have been ordered South. Whether moved to Washington or elsewhere the report does not say.

Pillow to Attack Cairo.

Special to the Illinois daily Journal.

Cairo, May 22.—Three hundred volunteers left Paducah yesterday, taking with them one thousand muskets and six field field pieces. They are destined to Cheatnam's camp, near the Tennessee and Kentucky line. Cheatham feared a second edition of the Camp Jackson affair, by an attack from Cairo. Cheatham has been ordered by Gen. Pillow to proceed with force numbering 4,500 men, to Jackson, Tenn. forthwith.

IMPORTANT FROM FORT PICKENS.—A dispatch to the Mobile Register states that the Naval Dry Dock was to have been sunk in the ship channel at Pensacola on Thursday night last, and that Major Brown, in command of Pickens, had given notice that if this was attempted he would open his fire.

The aggregate of Alabama volunteers is about 13,000.